



Heart of the Bayou



News from the Bayou Community Foundation

Fall 2015

BCF Grants \$146,600 to 22 Local Nonprofits

The Bayou Community Foundation (BCF) awarded grants totaling \$146,600 to 22 local nonprofit organizations this summer as part of its third annual competitive grants program, marking our largest grants cycle to date. The grants fund innovative programs such as mental health counseling and treatment, mentoring and tutoring for at-risk youth, preschool education, medicine and care for the poor and elderly, career readiness, child advocacy, and coastal preservation and awareness in Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, and Grand Isle. Gifts from local donors as well as the Gheens Foundation provide the funding for these competitive grants focused on addressing our area's most critical needs.



GRANTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES

- South Central LA Human Services Authority
- CASA of Lafourche
- CASA of Terrebonne
- Options for Independence
- START Corporation
- St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Pharmacy
- Catholic Community Center
- Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center
- New Life Counseling Center
- Bayou Council Behavioral Health Services
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services
- Lafourche ARC

GRANTS FOR EDUCATION/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

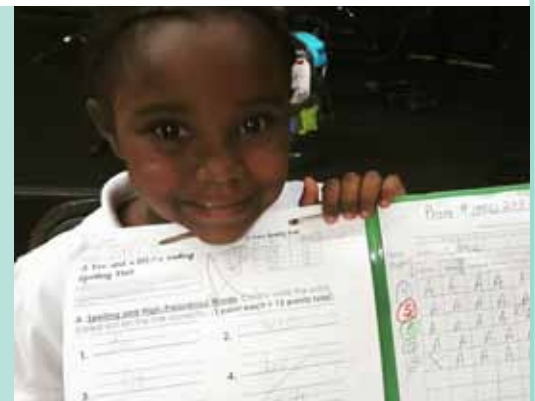
- Hope Extreme
- Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence
- Virtual Academy of Lafourche
- Fletcher Technical-Community College Foundation
- Gulf Coast Social Services
- Rev. Lloyd Wallace Community Center
- Dulac Community Center

GRANTS FOR COASTAL PRESERVATION/AWARENESS

- The Nature Conservancy - Grand Isle
- Bayou Grace

Your gifts to BCF are leveraged with gifts from other donors to make impactful grants like those listed above. Since June 2013, BCF has awarded \$371,600 in competitive grants to local nonprofits.

Grant dollars support Hope Extreme's after-school tutoring and summer reading programs for 150 at-risk youth in east Houma.





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Stephen Peltier

Bayou Community Foundation celebrated its three-year-old birthday this summer while also celebrating another tremendous milestone for our organization and our entire community. Thanks to the generosity of our local donors, BCF reached one million dollars in contributions! That's one million dollars for investing in our community and for meeting the match for our Gheens Foundation grant 18 months ahead of schedule. What a terrific birthday present for our young organization!

Back in July 2012, the Gheens Foundation recognized our vision to create a community foundation specifically supporting Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle, and pledged a \$500,000 gift over five years to jumpstart BCF as well as our grants program. Their challenge to us was to raise \$1 million in matching contributions over that five-year period, a challenge designed to encourage our own growth and development. We are so honored that you - our friends and business associates - also recognized the power of this philanthropic "bucket" that is BCF and chose to invest in our Bayou community through our foundation.

BCF is working hard to put your donations to work to address some of the most critical needs of our region. As you read in this issue of *Heart of the Bayou*, BCF awarded grants totaling \$146,600 to local agencies this sum-

Chairman's Message

Three Years and \$1 Million

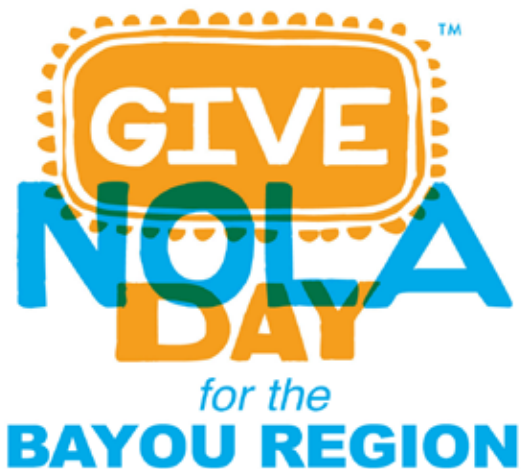
mer, bringing our total amount of competitive grants awarded in the past three years to \$371,600. This is in addition to the \$450,000 in donor-directed grants BCF has made to local nonprofits on our donors' behalf.

And we have just begun. BCF is discussing a new partnership with the Gheens Foundation, and we continue to seek donations to support our annual grants programs and other initiatives like nonprofit workshops and GiveNOLA Day for the Bayou Region.

We invite you to be a part of this exciting philanthropic story with a new or continued gift to BCF. Thank you for helping us grow and strengthen our community!



With a 2014 grant from BCF, the Terrebonne Council of Aging distributed 86 personal heaters to needy elderly.



THANK YOU to 900 friends and neighbors who made \$40,000 in online donations to 40 Bayou Region nonprofits during a 24-hour period on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 as part of ***GiveNOLA Day for the Bayou Region!***

Special thanks to the TBS Spark Foundation for their generous contribution to the Al Danos, Jr. Memorial Lagniappe Fund and to the following entities who made our first "Give Bayou" events so successful: Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, Lafourche Parish Government, Spahr's Seafood, South Louisiana Bank, Dishman & Bennett Specialty Company, and The Courier & Daily Comet.

Details about GiveNOLA Day 2016 and next year's Give Bayou events will be announced soon, and Al Danos, Jr. Memorial Lagniappe Fund donations are now being accepted. Email: ArmandJ@BayouCF.org

Making an Impact

Local nonprofits have done tremendous work with the grants they have received from BCF. Here's a look at the impact the grants have had on our 2014 grantees and our community:

- **Options for Independence** – Tele-medicine program provided psychiatry services to 34 children and adolescents.
- **South Central LA Human Services Authority** – Mobile Outreach Program saw 1,139 behavioral health patients.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Community Pharmacy, Inc.** – 10,615 prescriptions provided to poor and elderly.
- **START Corporation** – 94 families with children and adolescents contacted for family therapy services.
- **Assisi Bridge House** – Purchased an automatic external defibrillator and drug and alcohol testing kits.
- **Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services** – Mentoring and homework assistance program for 50 at-risk youth.
- **Terrebonne Council on Aging** – 86 personal space heaters provided to low-income elderly.
- **Lafourche Parish School Board** – 23 high school automotive students trained on hydraulic brake system.
- **Hope Extreme** – 65 at-risk K-6th grade students in after-school tutoring program, with 80 percent increasing reading comprehension and fluency by at least one grade level.
- **Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program** – Purchased a shallow water boat that transported 168 volunteers to coastal areas for 12 restoration events.
- **The Nature Conservancy** – More than 500 students and adult volunteers participated in environmental education and service projects on Grand Isle.



The Lafourche Parish School District purchased a hydraulic brake system to train high school automotive students and help them be job-ready.



BTNEP used their grant to purchase a boat to transport volunteers and plants to shallow coastal marshes for restoration projects.

Why BCF?

“We have been very blessed living and working in Lafourche Parish, and it is an honor to be able to give back. With so many great organizations doing important work, however, it can be tough making specific contribution decisions. That’s why we give to Bayou Community Foundation. With a single gift to BCF, we can support a number of organizations through BCF’s grants program, as well as workshops for nonprofits and other initiatives that strengthen our community. BCF is the way to go.”

- Henry and Kim Lafont / Larose, LA



Workshops for NonProfits

BCF and Greater New Orleans Foundation presented two free workshops for our local nonprofits so far this year - one in March on Board Governance, and another in September on Strategic Partnering. Just another way your gift to BCF benefits our community!

About Bayou Community Foundation

Established in 2012, the Bayou Community Foundation (BCF) is a donor-advised fund of the Greater New Orleans Foundation, focused on strengthening our local capacity to create a compassionate and sustainable coastal community for generations to come. We achieve this vision through strategic investments in educational success for children and adults; protection and preservation of our coast; and human services. The BCF service area is Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, and Grand Isle, and members of our Board of Directors all are residents of this community.

BCF is committed to:

- Supporting community-based leadership to improve the quality of life in the Bayou region
- Leveraging partnerships and investments from outside of the region
- Building a permanent fund as a means for philanthropists to invest in our community

Contributions qualify for the maximum deductions allowed for charitable donations.



Giving Back. Growing Stronger. Together.

The Bayou Community Foundation is the ONLY community foundation specifically serving Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, and Grand Isle. BCF provides grants to local nonprofits providing human services to our residents, education and workforce development programs for students of all ages, and coastal preservation and awareness projects in our coastal community. Your contributions directly fund these grants addressing our community's most critical needs, as well as support free workshops and other BCF initiatives designed to strengthen the work of our area's nonprofits.

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